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## Report of development for Lama Child: Lyra, 15 years old

As of 02 March 2022

Duration of stay at Preda 1 December 2021 to present

At the Preda therapeutic home, Lyra was provided with all her basic needs including food and subsistence and protective custody. She received therapy, counseling, family therapy and reconciliation. She was empowered and filed legal complaint in the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Zambales against the floor manager and the owner of the sex bar where she was exploited. It is expected that the respondents will file a counter-affidavit before the prosecutor issues a Resolution.

Upon her arrival at Preda, Lyra was very timid and shy. Her hair was unevenly cut as parts of it were shaved by her uncle as punishment and to prevent her from going out of the house. Eventually, she gained friends at the Preda Center and settled in the home. She is now more confident and able to smile more frequently now.

Lyra needs to remain in the protective custody of the Preda Foundation until she is finished testifying in Court to prevent her from being influenced by the perpetrators into withdrawing the legal complaint. While at Preda, she will continue to receive all assistance necessary towards her full recovery, including therapy, counselling sessions and family therapy and reconciliation.





## **Context of Exploitation and rescue**

Lyra was only seven years old when her parents separated and her mother abandoned the family for another man. She was left to the care and custody of an older sister who later on found a partner, leaving Lyra alone and vulnerable because her father was also away most of the time for work. Lyra became a delinquent student, skipping classes and hanging out with other out-of-school youth. It was at this point when she was introduced to illegal drugs, methamphetamine hydrochloride to be exact.

During the pandemic lockdown, she spent several days in the house of friends. One of these friends invited her to work in a bakery in Cabangan, in the province of Zambales. Eager to earn her own money to help her father, she went to Cabangan together with three other friends last November 2021.

As soon as she arrived in the supposed bakery, the floor manager instructed her to take a bath. She refused but she was told she will be sent away if she does not take a bath. Because she does not have money to use for transportation going home, she followed the order of the floor manager. Then, she was brought to a room where she was sold for sex to a waiting customer. This happened many times before she was rescued a week later.

While in the sex bar, one of the victims borrowed a cellphone from an employee and informed his parents about his whereabouts. The parents sought the assistance of the police who organized a rescue operation in Cabangan. During the rescue operation, four minors were rescued including Lyra. Lyra and another female minor were referred to Preda by the local social worker. They were admitted to Preda on December 1.

